



SOUTH DAKOTA LEGISLATURE

State Capitol, 500 East Capitol Ave., Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

November 14, 2008

Dr. Rick Melmer, Secretary
Department of Education
700 Governors Drive
Kneip Building
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Secretary Melmer:

The Government Operations and Audit Committee has scheduled a meeting for December 1, 2008, in LCR Room 1&2, in the State Capitol Building, to review various issues involving state government.

The Committee requests that you provide the Committee with information on the Birth to Three program. Subsequent to the rate adjustments made for the program, how many providers have been lost? Also, who has decision making authority concerning the number of visits per week, the type of services to be provided and when reassessments are performed? Lastly, please explain how the program monitors, from a dollar cost standpoint, the re-evaluation of people being served.

Please forward this information to Tim Flannery, Department of Legislative Audit, 427, South Chapelle, Pierre, SD, 57501, by November 21, 2008, so that the information can be provided to all Committee members in advance of the actual meeting date.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Flannery with the Department of Legislative Audit at 773-3595.

Sincerely,

Senator Jason M. Gant, Chair
Government Operations and Audit Committee

Cc: Jason Dilges, Commissioner of Bureau of Finance and Management
Susan Sheppick, Department of Education